The Reflector.

THURSDAY, DEC. 25, 1890.

CHRISTMAS JOYS.

[This Poem Received the Prize offered by THE REFLECTOR for the best Original poem written by a Pupil of the Abilene Schools.]

Could Christmas know the joy it brings To such gay youthful hearts as ours, Would it not urge Time's steady wings To mete with greater haste the hours?

It seems to me I would not tire To welcome Christmas oft and long; For then its presence would inspire My heart to love and lips to song.

In mortals all a thread there lies Of careless thinking and neglect, When duties come and thoughts arise Which call for thought and true respect

Those things which should command ou

Are shown to us by Precept kind, The road which leads to endless morn Example tells us how to find.

Since we so easily forget The One to whom our thanks are due, Have Christmas often come, and let It speak of Christ, its Hero true.

Let loving words our Christmas be, To turn our wand'ring thoughts above While by our actions all can see We sing His praise and speak His love.

Another roving thought call home, For those whom sorrow robs of joy And you, to whom gay joy does come, Go share its gold without alloy.

The days and menths will soon filt by, And when Christ's birthday comes again Be ready from your heart to cry-"Glory to God, good will toward men." MAY BRUCKHART.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Dr. A. Lewis was down from Solo

Judge R. F. Thompson, of Minneap olis, was in the city Sunday.

Mrs. W. H. Morrison, of Hope, is the guest of Mrs. W. P. Robinson. Hon, J. W. Gibson went to Chapman

to visit his children in the county high school. H. W. Ledy, of Hope, was one of south Dickinson's leading agricultur-

alists who visited Abilene and the RE-

Spruce and Fifth streets. William Hoover was a prominent farmer of Manchester who did Christmas shopping in town and treated himself to a Christmas present in the way of a subscription to the REFLECTOR.

H. S. Taylor, one of the Abilene's graduates, is home from the Atchison business college for his holiday vacation. Harry is making rapid strides in his work and will be fitted for a good position when he leaves school.

W. H. Fergason, of Hope, was one of the prominent south Dickinsonians edges a call from the gentlemen.

Hon. C. Hoffman, of Enterprise. Kansas, made the Press a friendly call yesterday. Mr. Hoffman is a firstclass business man, and principal pro-C. Hoffman & Son, and of other manufacturing concerns and enterprises in the solid town of Enterprise .- [Denver

Captured by Cupid.

the time just as much.

The Conductors Will Dance.

Neat invitations are out for the first annual ball to be given by the Order of Railway Conductors of division No. down mad. She posted the accommo-257. The ball will be given in the dating neighbors down town to hunt opera house at Herington on the even- up the husband and bring him home ing of Dec. 31st. The preparations for dead or alive. They took him home this ball are on a most elaborate scale alive but badly scared. He would not

Died at Carlton.

Nelson announced the death of Mr. that night. He has not been to To-Benjamin F. Watson at Carlton, aged peka yet and wears such a dejected 70 years. Mr. Watson was one of and hunted look that if he should go Dickinson's oldest residents and had he would be taken for an alliance replived in the county 21 years. B. F. resentative who had promised to vote Nelson, of this city, was a stepson of for Ingalls. Mr. Watson and two sons also survive him, Messrs. Homer Watson, of Tacoma, Wash., and Jerome Watson, of ed, so signally perfect in attainment, Carlton. The deceased had a wide in the last few years, as the numerous state and had many friends who will transcontinental travel. Instead of regret his death.

To the Public:

On December 5th I suffered by fire holding a policy in the New Hampshire Fire Insurance company. Today hitherto attempted. I received my money in full at the hands of G. A. Jackson, agent. It is a pleasure to recommend to the public such a company and to congratulate Mr. Jackson on having the agency of a company so prompt and honorable in paying its losses. Respectfully,

R. J. FINLEY, Of the firm of Finley & Brewer.

FOR SALE .- Old Exchanges at 20c per 100. In quire at this office.

THE REFLECTOR PRIZES.

The Award Made by the Committee on Story and Poem.

Three weeks ago the REFLECTOR offered to the pupils of the city schools prizes for the best poem and story and although a short time was given a large number of well written and prepared manuscripts were entered in competition for the prizes and were given to the committee selected to judge them, the Rev. H. W. Hillier, T. E. Dewey, E. C. Little.

The manuscripts bore no other indication of their authorship than numbers, the names corresponding to which were known by no one except Supt. W. D. Moulton of the city schools. The following report was made by the committee this morning:

ABILENE, Dec. 23d. To the Editor of THE REFLECTOR: Your committee after a careful consideration of the stories and poems submitted, have unanimously decided that for originality of thought and general good treatment, the first honor should be awarded to No. 2, "Mrs. Hardin's Christmas Gift" as the best short story and to No. 5, "Christmas Joys" as the best poem.

Respectfully Submitted,
(T. E. DEWEY,
Committee E. C. LITTLE,

/ H. W. HILLIER. Upon applying to Mr. Moulton for the authors' names it was to the committee's surprise found that both articles were written by the same young lady, Miss May Bruckhart, residing on east North Fifth street. Miss Bruckhart therefore wins both prizes and is to be congratulated upon her excellent work. Both story and poem show unusual ability and originality and will be read with interest by all. They will be found elsewhere. The other contestants deserve praise for their careful work which shows good training and much thought.

RAILROAD OFFICIALS

View Abilene and Admire Her Magnificent Track.

Two of the Rock Island's most prominent officials, General Solicitor Low and Claim Agent Thompson, the former of Topeka and the latter of Okla-Miss Anna Wallace, of Norton, Kas., homa, were in the city this morning Miss Wood, of Marion, and Miss Scott, and took a drive around the streets beof Kubn Brook, are visiting the Misses bind the fast horses of Messrs. Stambaugh and Case. They were more Probate Judge-elect M. Bryson has than pleased with Abilene's fine race moved his family to town and occupies track and Mr. Low arranged for the the J. J. Cooper residence, corner of training and keeping of five thoroughbred fillies which will be put under the care of H. Strawn. He considers the fine track here the best in Kansas and believes that Abilene will be the greatest trotting center in the west.

Mr. Low has large real estate interests in this vicinity and was also looking after them. He is pleased with the outlook of the city and thinks that with the prosperity that is indicated Abilene will make rapid advancement

He Didn't Go.

An Abilene loan broker is busy exwho visited Abilene today. He was plaining why he has not been to Toaccompanied by the Hon. D. B. peka during the past week. He in-Swayze, of Orion, Mich., a brother of tended to go several nights ago and the well known Hope resident, W. W. coming down town early in the evening Swayze. The REFLECTOR acknowl- told his wife he would not be home but would take the I a. m. train. About midnight the wife went to the larn to see if everything was safe and found the team and carriage gone. S.e. raised an alarm of burglars and routed prietor of the large flouring mills of out two of the neighbors. The men looked over the ground and concluded that the proprietor himself had taken the rig. They came down town, looked for the gentleman in vain and went back to comfort the distracted wife. In the meantime the man came home Harvey G. Dunlap, of Holland, and quietly put up the team, dodged into Miss Olive C. Chew, of Abilene, were an alley as the neighbors came back, married yesterday by Judge B. W. and sauntered down town himself. Peck. The young people were a little The neighbors and the wife went in advance of most of the holiday wed- to the barn to lock up and lo! there dings, but they will doubtless enjoy were the horses, warm from their evening drive.

Then there was excitement. "And the second glory was greater than the first." The wife was mad-not common mad, but real, honest up-andand it will be one of the events of the tell why he acted as he did and they can not determine whether he is growing frisky in his mature years or sim-A dispatch received today by B. F. ply had urgent business out of town

A Charming Memory.

acquaintance in this section of the luxuries that have been introduced in harrowing recollections the tourist now has left to him when his journey is completed, a charming memory of perfect train service and palace dining the loss of my warehouse and was for dining cars on the Union and far in advance of anything in that line

ABILENE MARKETS. ABILENE, KAS., Dec. 24, (Corrected weekly by R. F. Nelson)

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Butter, good	15@20
Rggs, per doz	20
Chickens, per 1b. alive	3
Turkeys, per lb, alive	- 6
Potatoes	1 25
Flour, per I(B) lbs	MS3 70
Hogs, per 1001bs	10/13 (0
Cows, per 100 lbs	25/81 75
Steers, per 100 lbs 2	
(Corrected weekly by Johntz & Rice Mi	IICo.)
Wheat, No. 2, soft	80
Wheat, No. 3, soft	75
Wheat, No. 2, bard	75
Wheat, No. 3	75
Corn,	50
Rye	60
Oath	20

THE HOSTILES.

The Usual Crop of Reports From

the Bad Lands.

Nary a Red Found-Two Companies Soldiers Said to Be Surrounded in the Yellowstone Region-Cowboys Kill an Indian.

Dickinson, N. D., Dec. 23.—Couriers and guides in from the Cannon Ball, where Captain Fountain and his troops have been, report that the latter has moved forward to Grand river.

Runners between Short Buil and Kicking Bear are keeping up communication. The latter's band is split up into small detachments. White Hawk's band of seventy-five Indians has removed from the Little Missouri and is reported as heading east. They are likely to cross the Northern Pacific at Hebron or Glen Ullen. Six lodges are said to be camped on the Heart river southwest of Glen Ullen and 160 lodges are reported fifty miles north of this place by cattlemen who were here night

Major Carroll and the First cavalry are advancing along the Cannon Ball. Captain Adams and Colonel Carr's seouts are slowly closing in from the west side of the Little Missouri. It looks as though the redskins had been forewarned of the proposed corral by the troops, as none of them have been met with. The system of communication is complete between Major Carroll, Captains Fountain and Adams and Lieutenants Carr and Gaston. The cavalry and infantry scouting in the neighborgood of the Bad Lands is only 400.

RAPID CITY, S. D., Dec. 23.-Dispatches to General Miles from Colonel Summer show that nearly all of Sitting Bull's followers, together with Big Foot's band, have surrendered to him. Colonel Sumner in a dispatch says this disposes of the Indians along the Cheyenne and if there are any more of Sitting Bull's people out he does not know where they can be.

General Brooke reports the arrival of friendly Indians at the Bad Lands camp, and says the capture of Sitting Bull's the efforts of the friendlies to bring in

surrounded north of Cave hills by 500 them were worth \$50,000 more. or 600 Indians and have sent couriers out with notification of danger to the settlers. General Miles says there are Indians in that vicinity, but discredits the report that the troops are hemmed

in. He has, however, ordered reinforcements sent.

Yesterday some ten cowboys went lown near Battle creek draw where there are a large number of hostiles encamped on the reservation. They concealed themselves on Bear creek and had not waited long until eight Indians THE "CORRAL" TURNS OUT A FAILURE | rode slowly up to the draw and dismounted and unsaddled. The cowboys slowly crept upon the bluff and poured a volley of lead into them. One Indian dropped dead. The others were so badly frightened that they fled for dear life, the cowboys shooting until they were out of range. The cowboys captured seven fine saddles and three good Indian

PECULIAR MESSIAH LETTERS. LAWRENCE, Kan., Dec. 23.—Several tudents at the Haskell Institute, the Indian school here, have received letters from their relatives in the Indian Territory regarding the Messiah craze. One of the letters is from a Caddo chief to his daughter. It is dated Anadarka, and tells of the ghost dances. The chief tells his daughter not to ridicule the coming of the Indian Christ, for she knows nothing of the wondrous manifestations the Indians have received from him regarding his appearance on earth again. He says that maybe some time her Indian instincts will assert themselves, and then she will come ack to her people, join in the dance nd make herself ready to receive the Messiah. The old chief says the belief s confined mostly to the good Indians, and he regrets that the bad ones will not mend their ways and accept the Christ.

Another of the letters is from an unle to his nephew. This letter also tells of the wonderful revelations that have been made at the ghost dances, and of the marvellous interviews the inspired Indians have had with the Messiah. Some of the inspired Indians, says the writer, have had interviews during their trances with dead relatives, who have told them to prepare for the comng of Christ and not treat him as did the white people of old. The writer cautions his nephew not to reject the Messiah until he has attended a ghost dance and has had an opportunity to judge himself of the evidence of the oming of Christ.

Illinois Central Fire.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23 .- At 8:30 last evening fire started in the paint and repair shops of the Illinois Central railroad, people and Big Foot's followers will aid frame structures standing close together, extending nearly 250 feet south from Twenty-fifth street. On the ar-An Indian scout reports to General rival of the first company of firemen the Brooke that Short Bull's followers are two big shops were burning fiercely and anxious to come in but are withheld by | Chief Sweeny and his men did not pay the threats of Kicking Bear, one of Sit- much attention to them, as they were ting Bull's agents. The scout thinks, beyond salvation, but their efforts were however, that the friendlies will at least | concentrated on the lumber, which was coaches in the shops and every one of A report has reached General Miles | them was destroyed. The loss on rollvia Missoula that two companies of ing stock alone was at least \$50,000, soldiers in the Yellowstone region are | The burned buildings and machinery in

Judge Brewer, of Kansas, will deliver the oration at the commencement exercises of the Yale law school next

GREAT AUCTION SALE



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Will endeavor to close out the balance of their goods at whatever the goods will bring under the hammer.

The sale of one year ago so successfully carried out was, owing to the exceeding hard times, not sufficient to close out the entire stock, which was the largest in Kansas, and it was found necessary to continue the business until this time, when we h pe to be able to close out the balance. We have added from time to time such staple ever, would be unfair to the South. He dry dock. It was not the fault of the goods as were necessary to continue the business and have recently added a line of holiday goods which we believe will senator Butler proposed to offer, be- valves had been personally inspected by greatly assist in closing out the entire stock. We have cause it would result in the political officers of the construction department. fixtures which originally cost about twenty seven hundred Representative Oates, of Alabama, ready for floating. Half an hour later of sale all the escate, title and interest, of Representative Oates, of Alabama, ready for floating. dollars (\$2700) which we will sell if a purchaser can be said that two-thirds of the South were the startling cry arose that the water the above named defendants, and each of the startling cry arose that the water them, and all persons claiming under them, in Southern Pacific roads, is something found for one third the first cost. Goods will be sold at private sale at greatly reduced prices, but when the auction on the other hand, the negro population settling. The most vigorous work upon (30) in township fifteen (15) south of range sale is going on we positively cannot sell at private sale.

We point with pride to the sale of a year ago from the fact that among the large amount of goods disposed of not one article was misrepresented and we will give one hundred dollars to any person who will show that any misrepresentation was indulged in, with the exception of one chain which was sold by mistake and in that instance the purchaser was hunted up and the mistake corrected.

Remember that the sale begins on Saturday Dec. 20, at 2 and 7 p. m. and continues until the entire stock is disposed of. Jewelers from the surrounding country will do well to attend this sale as they can pick up unheard of bargains, while those in need of fixtures will miss the opportunity of their lives if they miss the sale. Time will be given on fixtures. Respectfully,

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THE NEGRO VOTE.

Spinion of Southern Congressmen on Its Elimination.

SENATOR BUTLER PREPARING A BILL

sentation By Obliterating the Negro as

a Political Entity Generally Favored.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 .- The Post pubishes the views of a number of Southern Congressmen on the proposition which it says Senator Butler will bring forward in the Senate before the debate on the elections bill closes for a joint resolution depriving the negro of his ight to vote and at the same time relucing relatively Southern representa-

on in Congress.

Senator Pugh declares emphatically nat the South would not hesitate one oment to give up any representation ased on the negro vote, if by so doing t could forever eliminate the negro as political entity. This, he thinks, is e universal sentiment of the Southern cople and this, he thinks, could be done repealing the fifteenth amendment the Constitution and relegating the wers back to the states again, as it as before the adoption of that amend-

Senator Vance, of North Carolina, is at so favorable to the proposition. He lys the whites are numerically the ronger in the old north States; that e races are living peacefully together, ed that the whites have nothing to ffrage. As an abstract proposition he opposed to it. The result would be to inject into the body politic a large ass of citizens who could neither vote or be voted for. They would constiite an element of political as well as ocial pariahs. They would be an inabus upon material prosperity. They ould have nothing to appeal to teir better instincts. They would se their manhood. They would be ithout responsibility, and as such a ingerous element to the community. he South, he said, was gradually orking out this race problem to a appy solution. A few years more and would be solved completely. As the egro acquired property he became a etter citizen. His interest was identical with that of the white man, and with this community of interest he was juite as desirous of good government as is white neighbor.

Representative Stockdale, of Mississippi, said he would be glad to see the negro question taken out from politics in the South, even if this resulted in his osing his seat in Congress.

Representative Catchings of the same Southern representation which, how- as she was about to be floated out of the did not believe that the Republicans miscreants that they did not succeed. would ever adopt such a resolution as

but said that gerrymandering was prac- Then the pumping began in earnest. ticed by both parties in the North with-

hat the question did not concern him identity of the culprits." personally, as there were only 70,000 necroes in his State. But he said that

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hat he will dare Republican Senators o vote for such a measure, which, he celares, would receive his hearty support. At Less Than First Cost TO CLOSE OUT

W. W. Davis.

Opp. P. O., Cedar street, Abilene, Kas.

the Republican party would never consent to disfranchise the negro, even in by abridging the negro's right of though the Southern representation was decreased thereby. If the colored vote was eliminated New York, Pennsylother States would be Democratic for THE FIRST NATIONAL PANK, vania, Obio, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and the simple reason that the Republican the colored vote. Michigan, Connecticut and Massachusetts would also be doubtful Republican States.

Fire at Alma, Kan.

ALMA, Kan., Dec. 23.-At 5 a. m. fire started in Allen Bros.' grocery and destroved four buildings, three of them owned by F. C. Simon, of this city, and one by J. F. French & Co. These buildings included the old Alma Hotel, occupied as residences, and the former banking house of J. F. French & Co. The loss on buildings was about \$8,700; insurance \$3,000. Allen Bros.' loss on ings was saved.

BOLD PIRATES.

Attempt to Wreck the Monitor Terror in Brooklyn Navy Yard. New York, Dec. 28 .- A morning paper says: "A daring attempt was made State said that to eliminate the negro late Saturday afternoon to sink the and accept the reduced representation big double-turreted monitor, Terror, would be a happy solution of a vexing at the Brooklyn navy yard. Thirproblem. Public sentiment in Missis- ty inches of water were discovered sippi, so far as he was acquainted with in her hold yesterday morning, but was in favor of this solution. He | the greatest quantity of the water had pointed out, however, that the Repub- been pumped out by evening. She is lican idea was to retain for the negro now lying at the dry dock. The atthe right to vote and yet reduce the tempt to sink the vessel was made just

"The under water openings and sea in favor of reduced representatation in was rushing in through the sea valve and to the following described tract and par-Congress and the Electoral College, if, connection. The big monitor was cel of land situated in said county, towit: should be taken out of the apportion- the part of the crew became necessary should be taken out of the apportionment calculations. He denied the Republican claim to twenty or twenty-five
districts from the South, but was will
the part of the crew became necessary
to save her. The huge dock pump was
put in motion, spars were run out
from the side of the dock to steady
in the saction, executed to secure the sum of districts from the South, but was will- from the side of the dock to steady ng to concede them some seven or the vessel and by the aid of hawsers eight. He acknowledged that the Dem- she was held in place. The crew ocratic Legislatures of Alabama and finally succeeded in closing the sea said county. South Carolina gerrymandered the State valves opening. They were covered so that all the black counties were from the outside and, after thirty minthrown into one district in each State, utes' hard work, the vessel was saved.

"It is expected that arrests will be made to-day, as the Brooklyn police are Representative Mills, of Texas, said said to have fairly good clews as to the

[First Publication Dec. 25, 1890.] Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY. WASHIS TON, DECEMBER 20, 1-90.

Fo all whom it may consern incollected assets remaining in his bands, it appear . to my satisfaction that in order to pay the debt. et such association is is necessary to enforce the individual Hability of the s ocaholders therefor to the extent here in it r mentioned, as prescribed by sections 515[and 563 of the revised statutes of the

Unite States.
Now, there fore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by l w, I do her by make an assessment and requisition upon the share-holters of the said First National bank of bile a for sixty-five thou and dollars to be paid by them ratably on or before the first day of February, 1891; and I hereby make demand upon each and every one of them for sixty five dollars upon each and every share surance \$3,000. Allen Bros.' loss on of the capital stock of said association held or owned by them, respectively, at the time personal property in the other build-loss the receiver heretofore a pointed, o take all noce wary proceedings, by suit or therwise, to enforce to that extent the said individual liability of the said shareholders. IN WITNESS WHERE F, I have nerveto set my hand and caused my seal of office to to be affixed to thes- presents, at the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, this 20th day of December, v. P., 1890. [Seal] E. S. LaCEY,

Comptroller of the Curreacy. [First publication Dec, 25, 1890.] SHERIFF'S SALE.

STATE OF KANSAS, } SAT Edward H, Layng his wite a. d W. P. Robin-

George W. Dunks and Adeline Dunks. By virtue of an order of sale issued out of in an I for said Dickinson county in the above entitled action and to mediracted, I will

On Monday, January 26, A. D., 1891. at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the front door of the cour. house in said county, offer for sale at public auction and sell, without app assement, to the highest \$3,500.00, with the interest to accrue there-oa from Feb. 3, 1887, and recorded in Vol 19, at page 200, in the record of mo. tgages in G.ven under m hand at my office in the city of A'l ene, in said county, this 2th day of December, 1890.

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